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SUBJECT: LTV INTEREST IN MUNITIONS CONTROL CLEARANCE FOR A-7
DISCUSSIONS IN JORDAN

1. BEIRUT BASED LTV REPRESENTATIVE MILTON HINSHAW
CALLED AT EMBASSY MARCH 31 TO INDICATE LTV INTEREST
IN OBTAINING MUNITION'S CONTROL CLEARANCE FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING LTV-MADE
AIRCRAFT, THE A-7.

2. HINSHAW EXPLAINED THAT LTV HAD EARLIER (HE THOUGHT
IN EARLY 1974) APPLIED FOR MUNITION'S CONTROL LICENSE
FOR JORDAN BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY DEPARTMENT.
HOWEVER SINCE THEN LTV HAS HEARD THAT OTHER U.S. COMPANIES
(DOUGLAS AND LOCKHEED) HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH JORDANIAN
GOVERNMENT ANOTHER GROUND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT, THE A-4.
IN LIGHT OF THIS, LTV WOULD PROBABLY RE-SUBMIT APPLICATION
FOR MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE. HINSHAW
STATED LTV HAS PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR
A-7 DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA AND INDICATED
THAT A-7 HAS SIGNIFICANT OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY REGARDING
PAYLOAD AND RANGE WHICH HAVE OBVIOUS POLITICO-MILITARY
IMPLICATIONS.

3. IN REPLY, CHARGE INDICATED RECENT LOCKHEED AND
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DOUGLAS CONTACTS WITH GOJ ON A-4 HAD BEEN AT INITIATIVE

OF KING HUSSEIN. CHARGE PROMISED TO INFORM WASHINGTON
OF LTV INTEREST BUT MADE CLEAR THAT QUESTION OF GRANTING
MUNITION'S CONTROL CLEARANCE TO LTV FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ
REGARDING A-7 WAS UP TO WASHINGTON.

4. HINSHAW STATED HE HAS NOT APPROACHED GOJ ON THIS
QUESTION, IN ABSENCE OF MUNITION'S CONTROL LICENSE.
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